

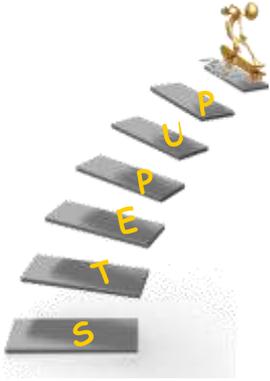
## Able, Gifted and Talented

### 'Step up'

Our Gosford Hill School 'Step up' Project was launched in December of last year. This project allows our Year 7 Gifted and Talent students in Maths, English and Science to attend a lesson with Year 9 (GCSE) students and participate in the tasks provided for that class.

Our Gifted and Talented students participating in this project had the opportunity to attend a Year 9 class in the subject(s) they are gifted in.

All of our Year 7 students enjoyed the first phase of the 'Step up' project stating that each subject they spent the hour in was challenging and fun. Each student felt that entering another class allowed them to experience aspects of the curriculum that they didn't know before the lesson. This was a great success and we look forward to continuing and developing the 'Step up' project this year.



### Quotes from Year 7:

"It was challenging because it was a big step up from normal lessons"

"It made me more motivated to complete the work"

"It made me feel good that I could be just as good as the Year 9 students in the class"



### This Term:

- **Year 7 step up project:** Year 7 students who are gifted in Mathematics, English and Science have again been given the opportunity to 'step up' and sit in on Year 9 lessons in their gifted subject. This allows a challenge and gives a chance to improve in the subjects that students are most confident in.
- **Languages Project:** Year 7-11 students who are gifted in Languages will be set an optional project to complete as part of a competition. Keep an eye out for more details on what this project is about in the next week or so. Good luck to all those who take part.
- **Club:** Students in Able, Gifted and Talented meet in H3 with Miss Rees on Wednesday lunchtimes to work on projects throughout the year.



*Hold fast to  
dreams, for if  
dreams die, life is a  
broken winged bird*

### Last Term:

- **Science Project:** Year 7-11 students who are gifted in Science had been set an optional project to select an aspect of the Olympics and explain the science behind it. An example of this is US swimmer Missy Franklin, who was one of the top medal contenders at 2012. Just as engineers design planes and boats to be more aerodynamic, swimmers also need to master the fluid dynamics in order to be the fastest swimmer in the pool. More examples can be seen on the BBC website. The results from this competition will be released week beginning the 14<sup>th</sup> of January.



### Possible Research Topics

America's Presidential History

World Poverty

History of Christmas

Photoshop of Celebrities

Photography (any topic)

Miss C Rees – Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator



## **National Center Parcs KS4 Badminton Championships Round One School Games Level 2 (Inter School Competition)**

Gosford entered a boys' team in the KS4 badminton competition held at BGN School on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December. The standard was high and the boys played well but lost narrowly to BGN, Bicester and Banbury School.

**Mrs P Selby - School Sports Co-ordinator for Kidlington**



Alex Christodoulou, Kyle Bonner, Peter Toma, Wasiq Khalid

### **Reminder for Parents of Year 8 Students**

**KS4 Examination and Qualifications Information Evening - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January from 6 -7 p.m. in the Main Hall** (see 'Year 8 preference letter' previously sent, 23<sup>rd</sup> November, and also available on the school website, for more details). This meeting will outline what we know about the changes the Government has made to qualifications and examinations. Our aim is to update you and help you understand what these changes may mean when making preference decisions.

### **KS4 Information Evening on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January from 6 – 8 p.m.**

This meeting will enable you and your son or daughter to find out about our curriculum offer and to gather information about different subjects before deciding on subject preferences. You will have the opportunity to speak to members of staff and discuss the details of each course.

**Mr D Ward – Deputy Headteacher**

### **Gosford Hill Magazines:**

Robin Kilmister is the sole editor of a new magazine available in Gosford Hill School titled 'The SCI FI DEN'. This magazine includes all the latest and updated news about films from all around the World. For a free copy of the magazine go to reception and just ask.

Don't forget we also have copies of Wilfred Howes' Magazines of 'FTEA' (Freight Trains Enthusiast Association) available free from reception or the Learning Centre. This magazine includes all the latest and updated news about Freight trains from all around the UK.

Happy reading!

**Miss C Rees – Humanities Faculty**

